Mr. T. Marthandan Tampi, B. A., (*Trivandrum*) said that he made this suggestion at the instance of some of his constituents and pointed out that it would be desirable to ask the Huzur clerks to apprentice themselves under vakils for a year before they were appointed as sub-magistrates.

Reply.—Government will employ the best agency available for serving them. Pleaders have, as a matter of fact, been appointed in the past as sub-magistrates, as for instance, Mr. C. Govinda Pillai, B. A., B. L., Mr. V. S. Kesava Iyer, B. A., B. L., Mr. Sabhapathi Pillai and Mr. Iyem Pillai. Sub-magistrates are appointed not only from among the Huzur clerks as represented by the member, but also from the High Court and the Educational, Police and Registration departments. The recommendations from Peishkars are also considered in making the selection. A vakil with good practice will not care to begin service on such a low pay, while those who have but begun to practise and have not yet shown capacity for work cannot be chosen for this responsible place. No particular preference is shown to the clerks of the Huzur Cutcherry, though it must be admitted that they have ampler opportunities of learning business. It is open to any pleader to apply, when his claims will be duly considered along with those of others.

104. Necessity of attaching a sub-jail to every Magistrate's court.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (*Parur*) said that this was very necessary for the safe custody of under-trial prisoners, though it would mean a pretty large outlay of money.

Reply.—The question of attaching a sub-jail to every Magistrate's court under a separate officer and manned by warders has been engaging my attention. But, as the member himself said, it is a question of finance. The matter will however be considered.

105. Necessity for looking into the present situation and state of registration offices as they appear unsuitable for the preservation of valuable documents.

Mr. H. D. Deane on behalf of Mr. H. M. Knight (*Cardamom Planters' Association*) said that the registration offices were now situated in inconvenient and unfrequented localities and many of them were not sufficiently strong-built for the preservation of valuable records. Speaking for the people of Peermade, Mr. Deane

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